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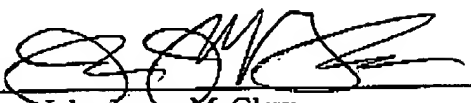
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Attached please find Form PTO-1449 together with a reference as cited in an a Korean Patent Office action on a Korean patent application in the same family as the present U.S. patent application. An English language abstract and a partial English translation of the sole reference JP-A 08-163288 are enclosed.

**JP A 08-163288** as cited as a reference in the Korean office action corresponding to the present U.S. application. An English abstract and a partial English translation are enclosed for this reference. This reference describes a fax machine manufactured as a printer unit and a scanner unit which are separately constructable and separately testable prior to joining.

Favorable action is respectfully requested.

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